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Photos on social media close year-old ATM robbery case

Officers arrested Wilbert Jimenez-Sanchez as he re-entered the U.S. from the Dominican Republic

Howard County police have charged a local man with committing an armed robbery at an ATM machine last year after someone recognized him from a bank surveillance photo posted by detectives on social media.

Wilbert Jimenez-Sanchez, 20, of Pirates Cove in Columbia, was charged with armed robbery, assault, use of a firearm and attempted theft in an ATM robbery case from January 2015. In a continuing effort to solve the case, investigators posted surveillance photos of the two suspects involved in the incident on HCPD social media last month.

The posting on Dec. 17, 2015 read:

“Police are asking for the public’s help to identify two suspects in an unsolved armed robbery attempt that occurred in Columbia earlier this year. Detectives are asking residents to take a good look at these ATM photos from January and contact police if the suspects look familiar. Attempts to identify them have been unsuccessful and the case remains open.

On January 11, 2015 at approximately 8:51 p.m., a victim was at the SunTrust Bank ATM in the 8200 block of Snowden River Parkway when two suspects, one displaying a handgun, approached him. The victim fled; nothing was stolen. No one was injured.

Police are asking anyone who recognizes these suspects to call 410-313-STOP or email hcpdcrimetips@howardcountymd.gov.”

A tipster who recognized Jimenez-Sanchez called police about a week later. Through additional investigation, detectives confirmed Jimenez-Sanchez was the suspect.

Detectives soon learned Jimenez-Sanchez was out of the country visiting the Dominican Republic. They were waiting for him at BWI airport late last week as he returned to the U.S. He was taken into custody and has since been released on \$75,000 bond.

Police are still seeking information on the identity of Jimenez-Sanchez’s accomplice, who is seen on the surveillance images. Anyone with information should call 410-313-STOP or email hcpdcrimetips@howardcountymd.gov.

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